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The Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and, with reference to Security Council resolution 1132 (1997) of 8 October 1997, has the honour to inform him of the following Swedish measures regarding Sierra Leone:

1. Entry and transit restrictions, paragraph 5:

In accordance with current regulations, citizens of Sierra Leone may not enter into or transit through Sweden without a visa. These regulations apply, irrespective of whether the individual concerned is a holder of a national passport, diplomatic passport or a service passport.

2. Provision of arms and related material, paragraph 6:

Swedish law generally prohibits the export of military equipment from Sweden without permission from the National Inspectorate for Strategic Products (the Military Equipment Act (1992:1300) as amended in 1996:68, and the Military Equipment Ordinance (1992:1303) as amended in 1997:690).

In granting permission for exports of military equipment, certain guidelines are applied. These guidelines have been approved by Parliament and include, inter alia, an unconditional undertaking not to permit the export of military equipment in case a Security Council resolution prohibits such export to a certain country.

There have been no previous deliveries of military equipment from Sweden to Sierra Leone, and no permits have been issued for future such deliveries.

3. Provision of dual-use goods, petroleum and petroleum products, paragraph 6:

In the next few days, the European Union plans to adopt a Council regulation concerning the interruption of certain economic relations with Sierra Leone. The aim of the regulation is to implement the decision of the Security Council concerning control of exports of dual-use products and

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petroleum and petroleum products to Sierra Leone. A European Union regulation is binding in its entirety and directly applicable in Sweden.

According to article 1 of the regulation, the following shall be prohibited:

1. To sell or supply petroleum and petroleum products listed in annex I, whether or not originated in the Community, in the territory of Sierra Leone;

2. To sell or supply in the territory of Sierra Leone goods designed or modified for military use, dual-use goods, spare parts and related technology for the aforementioned as specified in annex II;

3. Any activity the object or effect of which is, directly or indirectly, to promote the transactions or activities mentioned.

The prohibition of article 1, paragraphs 1 and 3, shall not apply in cases of:

(a) Supplies of petroleum and petroleum products to the democratically elected Government of Sierra Leone, at its request, and

(b) Supplies for verified humanitarian purposes or for the needs of the Military Observer Group of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOMOG), at the request of other Governments or United Nations agencies,

On the condition that, through the competent national authorities, a non-objection declaration has been obtained from the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997), and the arrangements determined by this Committee for effective monitoring of delivery are being fully respected.

The regulation shall apply notwithstanding any rights conferred or obligations imposed by any international agreement signed or any contract entered into or any licence or permit granted before the entry into force of the regulation.

The regulation shall apply within the territory of the European Community, including its air space and on any aircraft or any vessel under the jurisdiction of a member State and to any person elsewhere who is a national of a member State and any body which is incorporated or constituted under the law of a member State.

The regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Community.

Additional provisions concerning penalties to be imposed in the event of violations of the provisions of the regulation is found under the Swedish Act (1996:95) on Certain International Sanctions.